The Promine,

Contening the maner,

place, and time, of the maist Illuster King James the sext his first passing to the feildis: directit to his hienes: Be P. H. familiar seruitour to his Maiestie.

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The Epistill.

O Reuerend Rois, and maist redowtit Roy
Of peiries Prince, and Perle superlatiue
Our hope, our helth, our help, and warldlie Joy
Comfort to Scotland Indefinitiue:
Cleir lamp of licht aboue all that dois liue
Patrone of prudence, precious and perfite,
Gem of Ingine, to quhome God lykis to giue
Gracis far ma, nor I can think or write.

CThocht ouir all quhair thy famous louing
Inreputatioun and greit reuerence, (springis
Thocht thy renoun out throch al Europe ringis
As flowand fountane full of sapience
To offer this zit to thine Excellence
For feir of fault I wald haue bene effrapit
Gif I had not be sure experience
Thy gracious gudenes prouin and assapit.

CFor this respect, maist cunning courtes king,
As I desire, and wischis eirnestlie
To pleis and serue zour grace in euerie thing
Swa I beseik zour mightis Maiestie
For to accept this mater maid be me
To glaid zour grace, conforme to Intentioun
Of Clerkis commending, mirth with honestie
As Comedeis, and sic vther Inuentioun.

CSchir reid thairfoir, and mak me to reiois
I heeht zour hienes, helping Goddis grace
That I sall pen sum Poetrie or prois
Wair profitabill, gif I get time and space
And sen zour wit all vertewis dois Imbrace
Schortlie I sweir, bot gif zour grace allow it,
That I sall curs my cairfull catiue care,
Syne quite this quair, and neuer sall awow it.

CTo

¶To tak this peice in proper patronage
Your Princelie prudence will me not denye
Than gif thay speir, the Author to alledge
Quha wrait the veirs, I sall say it was I.
And sall not suffie men geuin to Inuy
Bot quhen thay lak, or lauchis at my letter
Bauldlie sall say in geuing the deby
Upon the subiect. se quha can do better.

¶FINIS.

¶Your Graces humbill seruand to command
I P. H. with faithfull hart and hand,

¶THE PROMINE.

¶On the xij. day at fiue houris before none,
1500. seuentie nyne in Iune.

GOLDIN Titan with burning bemis
Be kindlie cours, and reuolutioun (bricht
Appeirandlie, to the Astrologues sicht
Was in the first degre of Cancer wone
Or neir hand by in his Ecliptyk tone
Against the force quhilk daylie had him rent
Be the first Mobillis, weltering violent.

¶Sa in his Solstice glemand gloriouslie
Throw nature of his proper motioun
That Pompous Planeit placit properlie
In that North Signe, of richt ascensioun
Quhair Iuppiter hes exaltatioun
Did with his bemis on bankis & brayis beit
The frutes to foster with his hailsum heit.

And flowand Phœbe, Lady of the sepis
Not retrograd, reuolning in hir ring
Beheld the west, with fixit face and eyis
In Joyfull June, quhen the xij. day did spring
Befoir the furthcome of that cumlie King:
Quhilk as the Sone out of the cloudes gray
Fra Stawdoun Castell did discend that day.

¶ With manlike maneris, maikles to behald
With Pzincelie pozt, and visage glozious
With genteill gesture, wozdis wise and cald
In taikning of the maist victozious
Richt gaplie garnist with giftis gracious
Quhais heuinlie hauingis stonischit the Air
As efterward I purpois to declair.

¶ At his firth furthcome on the Gowane hillis
To wzite how euerie circumstance befell,
Quhat beir begã of Hagburtis, bowis & Billis
Quhat din of daggis, with clink of monp bell
At Falcounis fair, war tedious to tell
Foz to be schozt, I schaw not how the steidis
On bzidillis bait, quhil famie mouthis bleidis

¶ Zit wald my Muse Inspire me with the
Of Poetrie, and pairt of Eloquence (spzeis
To schaw the maner, I esteme it meit
How euerie thing maid haill obedience
Vnto his Royall hie Magnificence
Reiosit swa, with suddand semelie sicht
Of that leidsterne, and luikslum lamp of licht.

¶ His Pzincelie pzesence superexcellent
As lemand Lanterne maist delectabill
Did euerie leuing creature content
And to thingis senceles semit amiabill.
Quhais Celsitude was sa acceptabill
That in thair kind Ilk thing did obseruance
His heich honour and wozschip to auance.

¶ I mene not onlie thingis Inferiall
That subiect ar vnto corruptioun,
Bot also celest, and Superiall
Quhais substance is but alteratioun
As fair Phebus, oz vtherwayis the Sone:
Quhilk is composit of na Element,
That dap bzak vp in his bziche birneist Tene:

And

And schew his radious visage rubicound
Quhilk all the day lay hid vnto the howr
That his grace Ischit furth vpon the ground:
Thairefter did on eirth his presence powr
Excluding than all signes of the schowr
Sa glaid he was to se his gudlie grace,
And farleit fast the phisnome of his face.

Sine in the praises of that Prince preclair,
Spred furth his Purpour springis aureat
Into sic sort to purifie the Air
Quhill all the skyis skaillit violat
The Hemispheir become Illuminat
Vpon the eirth be heuinlie Influence
Distelland dewis on vapouris sweit as sence.

The ground ouirgiltand all with goldin gle-
Quhill throw his michtie operatiounis (mis
Furth of fresche fludes bet with buriall bemis
Rais sappie subtil exhalatiounis,
Quhais potent pithie Inspiratiounis
Makis treis, frutes, and flouris for to spreid,
Nicelie enamaling mony mirthfull meid.

Thã fair dame Flora glaiding gardings gay
Spilit with schaddow of the blumand bewis
Hir minglit Mantill meiklie did display
Richt curiouslie, ouircleithand all the clewis
With flouris of ane hundreth heuinlie hewis
Quhair besilie the bummand honie Beis
Tuik nurischement on natures tapestreis.

Thair micht be sene the dewie perllis round
Reuest the Rosis, and the Lilleis quhite,
Into dulce humouris herbis did abound,
Bathing the bony Daseis of delite:
With ane sweit liquour on the leiffis lit:
Comforting all the fragrant freklit flouris
That spreidis in Maij throw hailsum balmis

¶ Obedientlie begouth than to brikald
The beiraris bricht thair flouris to his eis
Quhen thay his potent presence did behald
Sa tender twistis trimling on ihe treis
His prudent hie precellence for to pleis.
Thair Cristall croppis me thocht thay did In-
In signe of homage to that [illegible]

¶ Into the Park did properlie appeir
Richt trimlie trottand into trowpis and twais
The wilde quhite cullourit ky, and falow deir
With brawland bowkis bendand ouir the brais
The flingand Fownis followand dune dais
Sa curage causit beistis mak besines
His Maiestie muisand to merines.

¶ Bot to behald it was ane perfite Joy
And as ane eirdlie plesand Paradice:
To heir and se thair at the kingis convoy
The Merle and Mawis, chãgeing notis nice
The kiddis skippand, with Rais throw the rice
Quhair birdis bipithlie on the branches sang
With sic ane reird, quhill all the Rokkis rang.

¶ Swa schortlie throw sic heuinlie harmoneis
Become richt cop, heiring the fowlis sing
Baith Eolus, and Neptune God of seis,
Behalding fast the cumming of that King
Quhilk was sa welcum vnto euerie thing.
Quhat misteris mair, the Goldspinkis was sa
Culd pai haif spokin, doutles pai had said: glaid

¶ Welcum maist maikles Mirrour and A per se
With euerie princelie prerogatiue possest
Welcum worschip, vertew and honestie,
Welcum in warld the wise and worthiest
Welcum blist birth, as bountifull and best
Welcum but peir the maist Imperiall King
That is, or was, or in the warld sall ring.

¶ Thow

¶ Thow Salomon secund in sapience:
Ane Job in Justice, Jonit with pietie
Perfitelie pleneist with all abstinence
Discreitlie mixt with Magnanimitie.
Meik, mercifull, kind but Inconstantie
To all gude men luifing and liberall:
In the thair wantis na wit Heroicall.

¶ Thy liuelie licht, o leidar Laureat
All Christiane men may cleirlie knaw and se
Dois glance as gyde, lyifis to Illuminat
Instructing Kingis, and thair Nobilitie
Be gude exampill, for to follow the,
As worthiest, but feinze to confes
Nixt vnder God the haill eirth to posses.

Thow onlie may be callit verteous,
In quhome na vertew is deficient:
Indewit with the giftis plenteous
Of bodie, mind, and fortoun to the lent
Thairfoir ze Knichtis and Clerkis with ane cō-
And pynit pure men, from all panis relart (sent
Salute zour Souerane, sweit King James ẏ sart.

For vicious folk, with filthie faultis defylit
Into his Court sall haue na praise nor place.
And gredie godles men sall be begylit:
Gif thay presume for to obtene his grace.
All fenzeit flatteraris sall ay fle his face
And as the snaw meltis from the Sone away
Sa from his sicht the wickit sall decay.

Quhairfoir now Scotland sing with ane accord
Baith greit and small, of Ilk stait and degre
Perpetuall praise, and thankis to the Lord
That hes zow geuin sa gude ane King as he.
Zow to mantene in eis and Equitie.
Wald God his danis for euer micht Indure,
Swa of all seill, but sorrow wat ze sure.

¶God grant his grace the Euerlasting gloir,
Lang life, gude helth, praise and prosperitie:
Baith worschip, welth, and weilfair euermoir,
And of his fois the vailzeand victorie
With heuinlie, eirthlie, feill felicitie:
And that in him (God) be ay glorifeit
Luifit, honourd, feird, and euer sanctifeit.

¶FINIS.

¶LENVOY.

¶Thir wordis few the Authour dois reheirs
Into this maner, speikand to his veirs.

MY bony bill, of barbour language breuit,
Gif thow be euill, thow will be wors repreuit,
Be witles, vaine, enuyous, Ignorantis,
Quhilk to speik euill, and do na gude thame hantis.
For sum will say thy febill Eloquence
Is euill cullourit, but Intelligence.
Sum will say this, sum vtheris will say that,
And pairt will speik in deid, and wait not quhat.
Syne sum seditious craftie knaifis Inding,
Will say perhaps, thow dois bot fleiche the King.
Thus gif thow heir fals knaifis calumniat the,
I pray the, baith to say, and sweir thay le.
Schaw to sic fuillis, quhair euer that thow fairis,
Thy mening gude, and honester than thairis.
Gif for all this, thay ceis not to maling:
Than say thow art ressauit of the King
Vnto quhais serene Celsitude I send the:
Thay ar ouir pert: syne gif thay vilipend the:
Zit of ane thing greitly thow may reiois
In Burgh or land, quhair euer that thow gois,
All men of knawledge, and Clerkis will co[illegible]end the
And honest folkis will euer mair defend th[illegible]

¶Fin de l' enuoy.

FINIS.